UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

FLORENCE WALKER,

Plaintiff.

<u>ORDER</u>

-against-

17-CV-08120 (PMH)

CROSLEY ODELL,

Defendants.

PHILIP M. HALPERN, United States District Judge:

The Southern District of New York has reconfigured courtrooms and other spaces in its courthouses to allow civil jury trials to proceed as safely as possible during the COVID-19 pandemic. Under the centralized calendaring system currently in place, the Clerk's Office schedules up to three jury trials to begin on each day of jury selection: a primary case and up to two back-up cases that may proceed in its place if the primary case does not go forward.

On September 16, 2020, the parties informed the Court that they wished to proceed to trial either during the week of March 8, 2021 or the week of March 22, 2021. The Court accordingly requested a jury trial for those dates. The Clerk's Office has now notified the Court that this case has been scheduled as the first back-up case on March 10, 2021. This means that the case will proceed on March 10, 2021 at the United States Courthouse located at 500 Pearl St., New York, New York, 10017, Courtroom 12D if the primary case does not go forward. The case must be trial-ready for that date. If the case cannot proceed on March 10, 2021, the Court will seek another jury trial date for as soon as possible thereafter. Should the Court receive additional or new information from the Clerk's Office about the trial calendar, the Court will promptly notify the parties.

The Court will hold a final in-person, pre-trial conference on February 24, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at the United States Courthouse located at 500 Pearl St., New York, New York, 10017,

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SO ORDERED:

Dated: New York, New York

January 07, 2021

PHILIP M. HALPERN

United States District Judge

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